PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, There are today 20 million Americans who are 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, The older Americans in our midst have been pioneers and builders during a period of dramatic change and severe testing. Having learned to live with change and challenge, they offer us, now and for the future, a valuable resource of skill and of wisdom; and

WHEREAS, This is a special time to express our appreciation to older citizens for their services to our community, and recognize their potential for further contribution; and

WHEREAS, The concerns we express during this special month should also guide us throughout the year. For there is still much pioneering work to be done, work in which all age groups must join as full partners.

"SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH"

I urge all of the citizens of our state to join in this observance, and I wish them to find suitable means for expressing appreciation to older citizens, for encouraging their continued and expanded activity, and for meeting the special needs of the frail and the poor and the lonely among them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Frank L. Farrar
FRANK L. FARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson
ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE